करने का प्रस्ताव है ताकि इसमें अनिवार्य आधार पर इस योजना के कार्यान्वयन, प्रीमियम की दरों में परिवर्तन, गैर-ऋणी किसानों को शामिल करने, अन्य फसलों को शामिल करने आदि जैसे परिवर्तन किए जा सकें ।

**Serious Nutrient Imbalance and shortage threatening Food Production**

1425. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is serious nutrient imbalance and shortage, threatening food production plans; if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard;

(b) whether the nutrient shortage can be made up with bio-fertilisers, if so, the details of plans, prospects and actual performance; and

(c) whether Government propose to ban burning of animal dung and other organic waste?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There are no authentic reports to indicate that there are serious nutrient imblances in soils, which may threaten food production plans. However, there is need to encourage the balanced use of nutrients, including major and micronutrients. The integrated use of chemical fertilizers organic manures and bio-fertilizers is being advocated.

(b) Bio-fertiliser are a supplementary source of Nitrogen. It can only partialy meet the Nitrogen requirement of specific crops.

The Government of India has taken up a National Project on Bio-fertilizer Development with a view to encourage the production and use of bio-fertilizers. Apart from setting up national and regional centres, Government of India has provided financial assistance for setting up 17-bio-fertiLizers production units. Through these centres, a production capacity of about .1700 tonnes has been created.

.(c) No Sir.

**Increase in price of Rice and Wheat**

1426. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government has protested against the increase in issue prices of rice and wheat introduced by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Kerala Government have sent a communication in this regard.

(b) Revision of Central Issue prices which are uniform (ex-FCI godowns) throughout the country, is done periodically. No distinction can be made in case of Kerala or any other State/ Union Territory.

**F.C.I. Trucks**

1427. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SAL ARIA: Will the Ministerof FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trucks of Food Corporation of India carrying wheat, rice and sugar which have been stolen/ misappropriated on way from Jammu to Srinagar and other parts of the State during 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991 yearwise; and what is the estimated value thereof;

(b) if so, whether cases have been registered and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any recoveries have been made; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India is facing difficulties in getting transporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No trucks are owned by Food Corporation of India and there was no instance of any truck carrying wheat, rice or sugar having been stolen/misappropriated on way from Jammu to Srinagar and other parts of State during 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991.

(b) and(c) Do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.